

## MELTON MOVBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT

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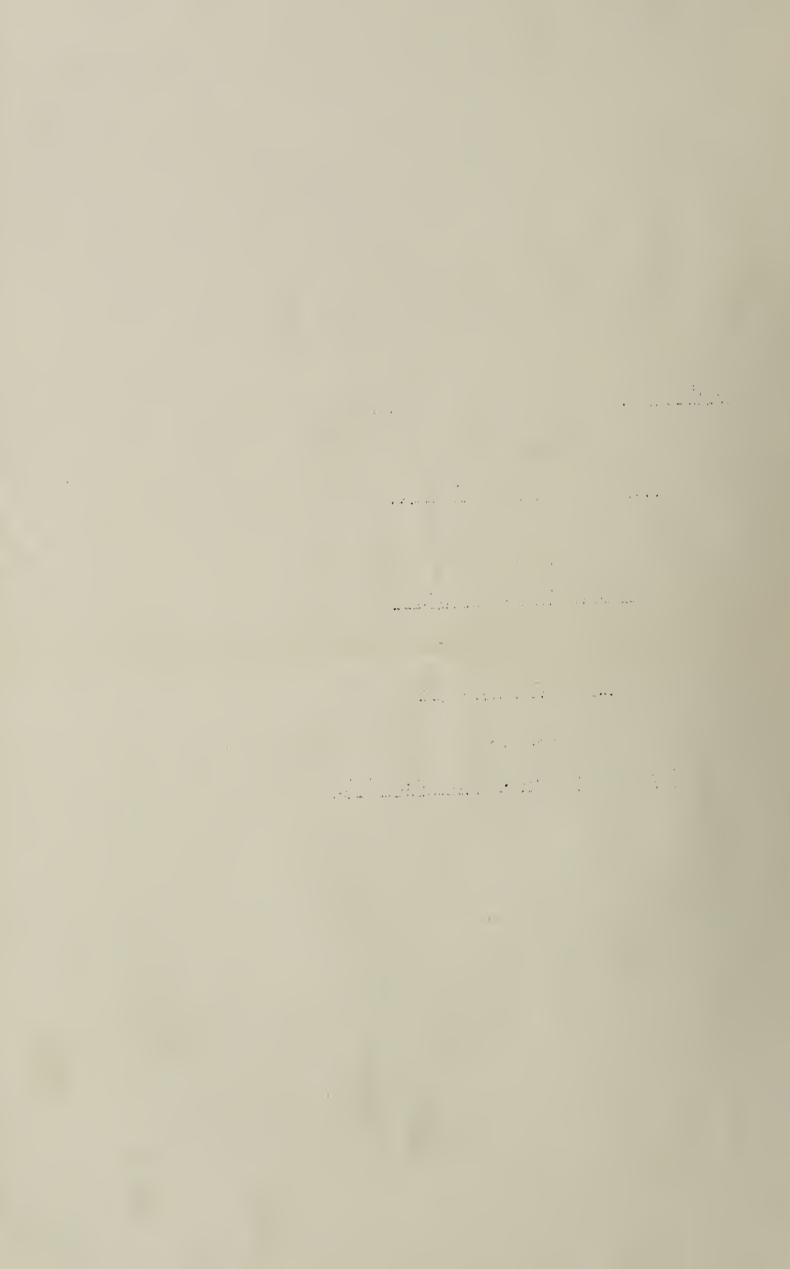
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1939



# PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Medical Officer of Health

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Camb.

## · Sanitary Inspector

H. Buxton.

Joint Board Certificate for Sanitary Inspector.

Royal Sanitary Institute Meat & other Foods

Inspectors Certificate.

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#### ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour of presenting our First Annual Report respecting the Health and S nitary conditions of your District for the year ending 31st. December, 1939.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Ministry of Health the Report has been made as brief and concise as possible.

Owing to the additional duties of the past year, chiefly connected with Air Raid Precautions, routine work has had to be curtailed, and it has not been possible to deal with the houses in the area which are unfit for habitation, but necessary repairs are receiving attention.

May we express the earnest desire that when we next present our Report, Great Britain may once more be a free and democratic country at peace.

We have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servants,

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Camb. Medical Officer of Health.

Hedley Buxton, M.S.I.A., A.R., San.I., Sanitary Inspector.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA
Area (in acres) 5,658
Registrar-General's estimate of:-
(a) Resident population mid-193911,370
(b) Average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates 11,500
Number of inhabitated houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Book 3,303
Rateable Value £74,741
Sum represented by a penny rate £280
SOCIAL CONDITIONS.
There has not been any notable change in the social
conditions.
<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>
Live Births Legitimate M. 104 F. 96 Total 200
Illegitimate M. 7 F. 4 Total 11
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Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1939 18.55
Still Births Legitimate M. 2 F. 2 Total 4
Illegitimate M. 1 F Total 1
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Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births 23.14
Birth Rate for England and Wales : 15.59
Deaths M. 73 F. 59 Total 132
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average populations 11.47
Comparative Death Rate (i.e. allowing for age and sex distribution) 11.01
Death Rate for England and Wales 12.1

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# Deaths from Puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):-

	Deaths	Total
No.29 Puerperal Sepsis	-	
No.30 Other puerperal causes	1	1
	D4 + 1	4.62
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still)		4.02
Death Rate of Infants under one year of	_	
All infants per 1,000 live birt		••• 52
Legitimate infants per 1,000 le	timate.	50
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births	illegitimate	90.9
Infant Mortality Rate for England and	Wales	••• 50
CAUSES OF D	EATH	
All Causes	Males	Females
	73	59 =======
Cancer	9	8
Measles		-
Whooping Cough	2	1
Diarrohea	-	1:
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Influenza	1	11
Respiratory Tuberculosis	•• 3	2
Other Tuberculosis	2	1
Diabetes		1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	• • 4	4
Heart Disease	20	17
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	7
Bronchitis	1	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	7	3
Appendicitis	• •	1
Other Liver diseases	2	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis		3
Other Puerperal diseases	• •	1

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		Males	Females
Congenital causes 200	000	2	2
Senility	000	4	2
Suicide ooo	000	1	-
Other violence	000	4	1
Other defined diseases	n • •	4	1

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

## (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

The Medical Officer of Health acts for for the Leicestershire and Rutland combined Districts in which this District is included. The Sanitary Inspector devotes the whole of his time to his official duties.

## (ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Throat Swab for Diphtheria	. 32	
Sputa for Tubercle Bacilli	90	
B lood for Wassermann	30	
Films for Gomocopai	. 2	
Urine, General and Bacteriological	. 16	
Urine for T.B	. 13	
Milk examinations: Bacteriological	. 21	
Widal Test for Exphoid Fever	. 36	
Sewage and Water Analyses		
Miscellaneous	. 8	
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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

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WATER
Number of samples taken for analysis:-
(a) from wells Nil
(b) from pipe supply 6
Results of samples taken:-
(a) from wells Nil
(b) from pipe supply Satisfactory
Number of samples condemned (from wells) Nil
Number of wells:-
(a) closed Nil
(b) cleansed, repaired, etc Nil
Number of cases in which Public Supply was substituted for well water Nil
The Reports obtained by the Engineer & Surveyor
show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards
quality, and no shortage has occurred during the year.
Further extensions to mains have been made in order
to supply new building estates.
Widal blood tests on 8 men employed at the Waterworks
all gave a negative reaction to typhoid and paratyphoid
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DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE
Number of cesspools in the district at end of 1939 8
Number of cesspools abolished during 1939 Nil
Extension to Sewers have been constructed to new
estates.
CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.
Total number in district at end of 1939:-
(1) Privies 1 (2) Pail Closets 4 (3) Water Closets 3,340
Number of privies and pail closets converted to the water carriage system during the year Nil
Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year Nil

#### (11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected by direct labour and removed in modern collecting vehicles to the Refuse Destructor.

Practically all houses are provided with moveable dustbins.

Ashpits are emptied upon application being made.

Three of the remaining ashpits have been abolished and dustbins provided.

Cesspools are periodically emptied by owner or occupier of premises.

#### (iii) SMOKE ABATEMENT

Twelve observations were made and two nuisances were abated through greater attention and care in stoking.

#### (1v) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report

Total number of complaints received... ... 82

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered ... ... ... ... ... 139

Nature of inspections:-

	Inspections	Re-visits
Dwelling houses (all purposes) Tents, Vans, etc. Slaughterhouses Food Premises Dairies and Cowsheds Offensive Trades Animal keeping Workshops, etc. Shops Other Premises	302 2 5 37 12 2 13 31 18	142 442 448 6 1 53 41
Tota	1 422	650

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#### NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding 1st. January Issued during the year Complied with during year Statutory action necessary Outstanding 31st. December	11 56 58 - 9	6 21: 19 - 8
Statutory	·	
Outstanding on 1st. January Issued during the year Complied with during the year Outstanding 31st. December	2 Nil 2 Nil	- - -
Summary Action		
Number of Summonses issued Number of convictions obtained	<b>Nil</b> Nil	<u>.</u>

#### (v) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

	Outstanding from	Defects		Outstanding
	previous year	found	remedied	31st. Dec.
Sanitary				
Conveniences	Nil	3	3	Nil
Temperature	Nil	Nil	-	ۥ
Ventilation	Nil	Nil		u==

#### (vi) CAMPING SITES

None in the area, and no licences have been issued.

#### (vii) REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Common Lodging Houses. There are two common lodging houses in the area and nineteen inspections have been made.

The consideration of the provision of a suitable loding house has been postponed and the registrations were renewed for a further period of twelve months.

Tents, Vans, etc. Four inspections were made, and a van and shed were removed following visits to the occupiers of the land.

Offensive Trades. There are no offensive trades in the area.

#### (V:L11) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Two Council Houses and ten privately owned houses were found to be infested, but generally the infestation could not be regarded as severe.

Twelve houses were disinfected during the year.

The contents of fifteen houses were treated before rehousing the tenants in Council Houses, and occasional visits made to the houses occupied by tenants of former infested property.

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(ix)	SCHOOLS
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The sanitary conditions are satisfactory and all have the public water supply.

One Schoold was disinfected for infectious disease.

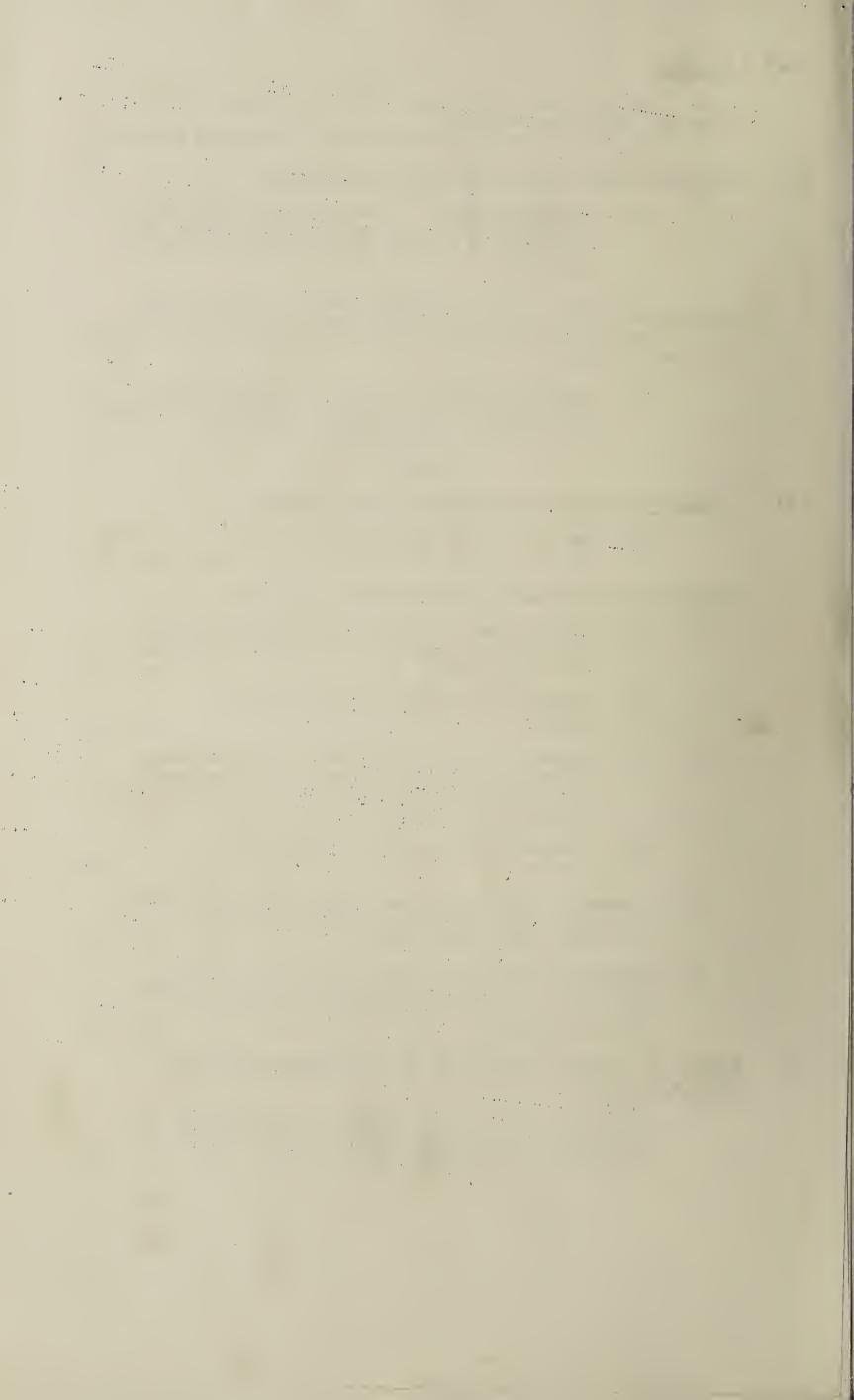
## (x) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) Publicly owned. There is one children's Swimming Pool owned by the Town Estate, and 1 Paddling Pool owned by the Urban District Council.

The water for the Swimming Pool is treated with "Chloros" and the pool is emptied and cleansed weekly.
Running water from the Scalford Brook passes through the Paddling Pool.

owned open air swimming pool which is supplied with running water from the Rive Eye.

			HOUSING	
(1)	NUMBER	OF N	EW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR	
		(a) (b)	Pir other hading	Nil 44
	Inspec	tion o	of Dwelling Houses during the year:-	
		(a)		161
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	210
	(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	i 12
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	28
	(3)	ou a	er of dwelling houses found to be in a state ingerous or injurious to health as to be for human habitation	12
	(4)	not t	r of dwelling houses (exclusive of those red to under the preceding sub-head) found o be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	56
2)	REMEDY OF	F DEF	ECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF	
		TH GO:	r of defective dwelling houses rendered fit nsequence of informal action by the Local rity or their Officers	48



## (3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

No action under Statutory Powers has been taken during the year.

Two dwelling houses have been demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders made last year.

Early in the year the Housing Sub-Committee visited the various properties scheduled in the provisional housing survey, but owing to the present situation the question of a Five-Year Programme for dealing with unfit houses has had to be postponed.

Urgent necessary repairs to houses are receiving

attention.

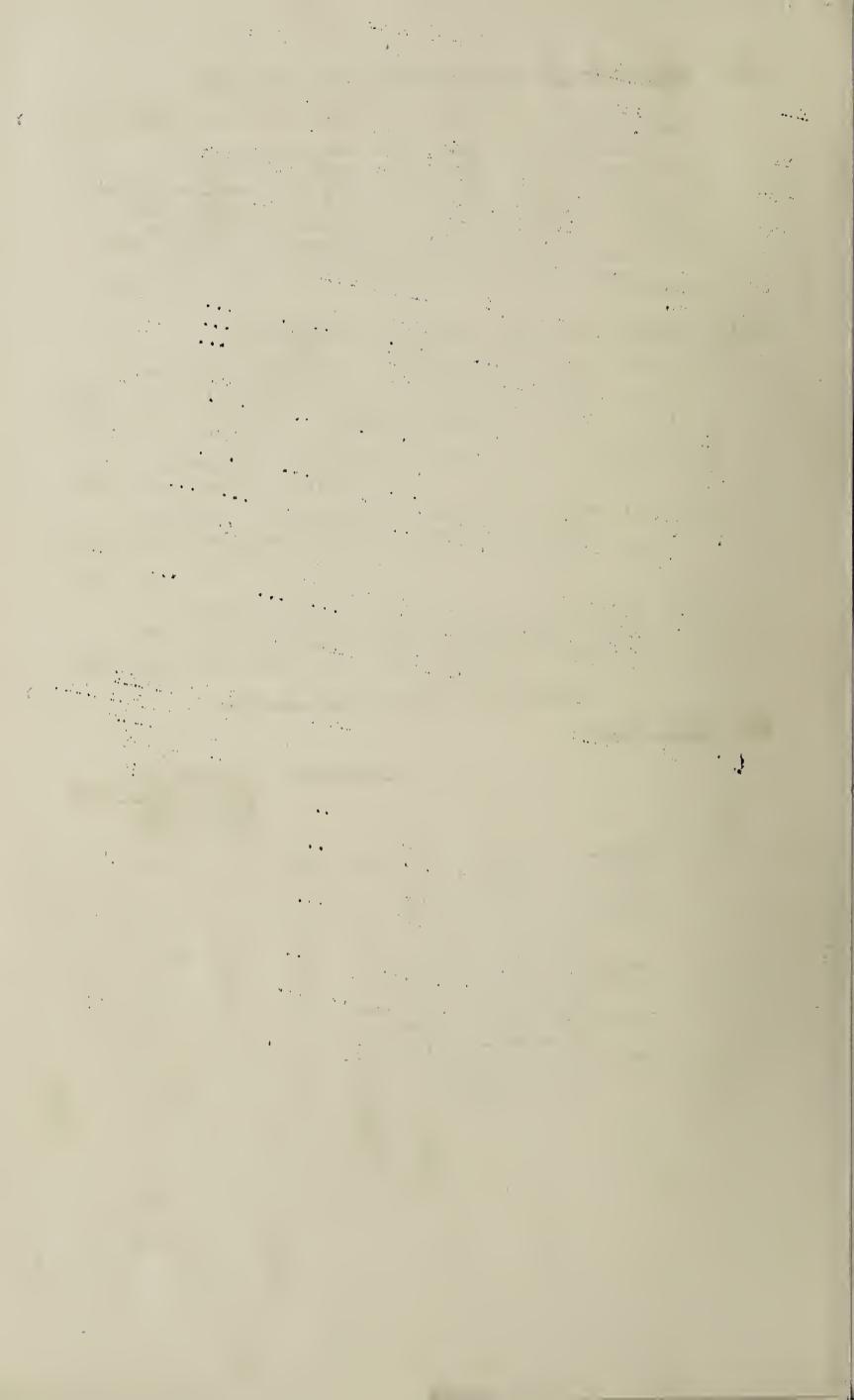
## (4) HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART iV - OVERCROWDING

.1	(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcorwded at the end of the year	
14 16 119	(ii) Number of families doubling therein (iii) Number of persons therein	
Nil	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	
3	(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year (ii) Number of persons concerned in such	
20	cases	
	(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the	•
Nil	abatement of overcrowding	

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

## MILK SUPPLY

<u>Cowke</u>	epers	Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (Other than Cowkeepers)
Number on the Register Number of inspections of	25	10
premises Number of contraventions outstanding from	12	6
previous year Number of contraventions found during the	4	Nil
year ,	2	2
remedied Number of contraventions outstanding on	3	2
31st. December	3	Nil



#### Total Contraventions

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st. Dec.
Cleansing Structural	Nil	1	1	Nil
alterations Utensils Other	Vil Nil Nil	1 2 Nil	3 2	Nil

#### MILK SAMPLING

No milk samples hard been taken during the year.

## THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS 1936 and 1938

1 Dealers Licence has been issued in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk.

### (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Public Abattoirs in the District ... ... 1

### Private Slaughter-houses:-

	In Jan. 1939	In Dec. 1939
Number registered	3	3
Number licenced	1	1
Number of visits to premises other the times of slaughter	s ict	420

## CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

The following table sets out the results of the meat inspections:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs		Total weight in lbs.
Number killed	1,436	64	122	4,010	2,631	
Number inspected	1,345	60	74	3,886	2,499	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	p		, man		1	81
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	98	2		54	48	1 <b>,</b> 128
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.3%	3.3%	Nil	1.3%	2%	

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	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
Tuberculosis only Whole Carcases condemned	1	-	<b></b>	9	2	1,182
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	61	4			79	3,348
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5%	6.6%	mag		3%	

The total weight of meat condemned, surrendered and destroyed was 2 tons 11 cw s. 27 lbs.

Condemned meat is disposed of at the Destructor Works.

#### MEAT STALLS

Four inspections were made.

#### MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.

18 Premises were visited, 24 inspections being made, 6 nuisances or contraventions were found and all abated.

#### PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE

17 inspections of these premises were made, and 2 contraventions were abated.

7 tins of beef weighing 40 lbs were condemned, surrendered and destroyed.

Food exposed for sale in the open market is regularly inspected.

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1937

18 inspections were made.

5 defects or contraventions were found, 4 of which were abated.

It was not found necessary to refer any matter to H.M. Inspector.

There was no instance of outwork being prepared in unwholesome premises.

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# PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

52 Inspections were made relating to Infectious Disease

# Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	27	19	1
Diphtheria	6	6	-
Pneumonia	30	•••	10
Erysipelas	4	3	•••
Cerebro Spinal			
Meningitis	2	1	
Measles	1	<u> </u>	•••
Whooping Cough	2	y man	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	.•
Puerperal Pyrexia	i	-	1

#### AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1-2	2 <b>-</b> 3	3 <b>-</b> 4	4 <b>-</b> 5	. 5 10	1 <u>0</u>	1 <u>5</u> 20	20 35	3 <u>5</u> 4 <u>5</u>	4 <u>5</u> 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever		1		2	2	15	1	2	3	1		
Diphtheria								5	1			
P umonia	2	1		3		3	2	41	5	2	10	1
Erysipelas									2	1	1	
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis				,		1			1			
Measles									1			
Ophthalmia Meonatorum	1											
Puerperal Pyrexia									1			
Whooping Cough	1			1								

Regulations for the notification of Measles and Whooping Cough came into operation on October 23rd. 1939.

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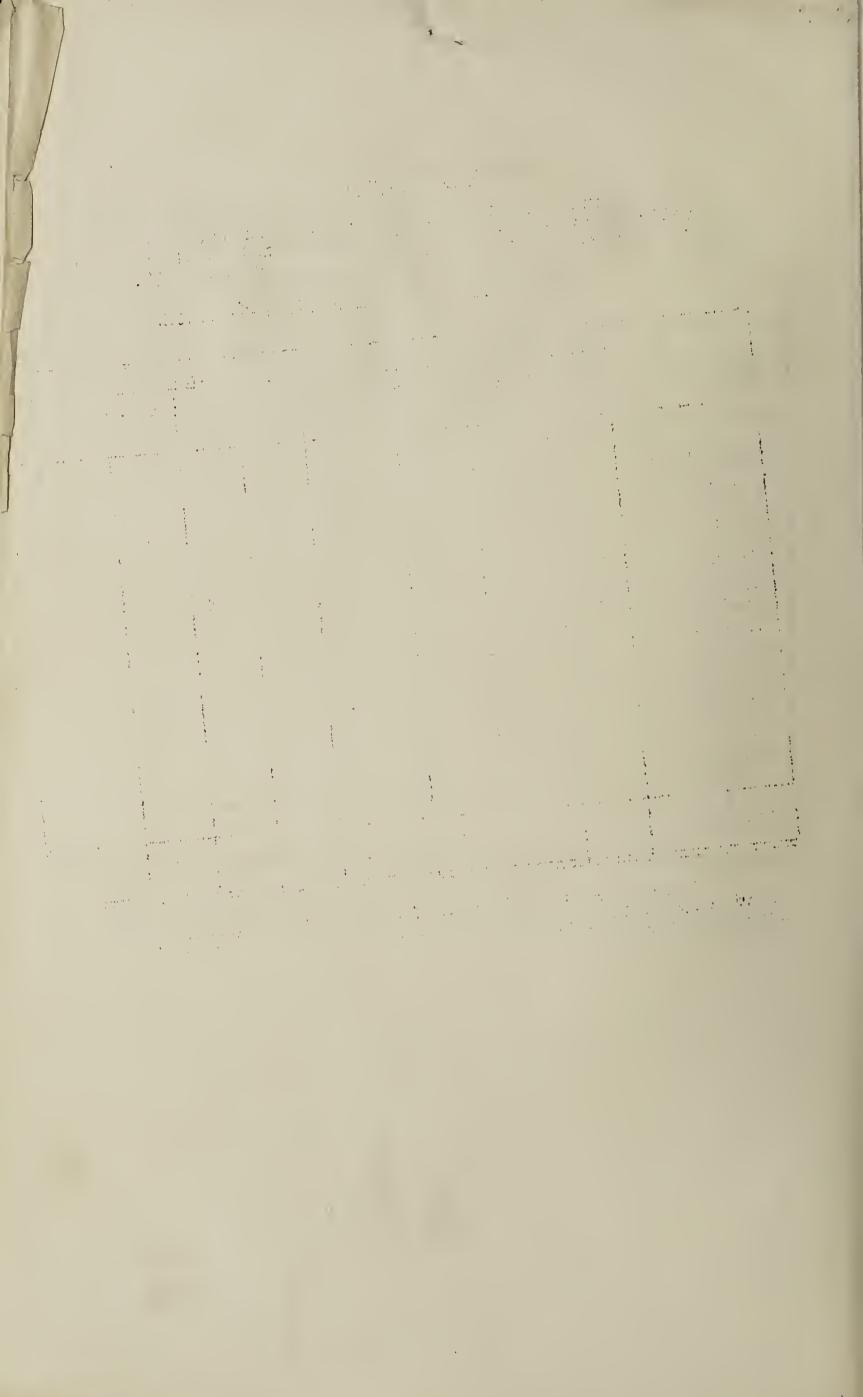
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## New Cases and Mortality during 1939

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	Age Groups	1	ew Case				Deaths				
	Be aroups	1 4.1	monary	Non-	Pulmonary	Pul	monary	Non-	Pulmonary		
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	Under one							1			
	1 to 5		The case of the ca	1	į						
-	5 to 15		1.		1						
1	15 to 25	1	4			2	1				
	25 to 35	2	1								
	35 to 45				1	1	1,				
	45 <b>t</b> o 55	3			1	1	17				
	55 to 65				1						
	65 and upwards					,	1				
	TOTALS	6	6	1	3	4	3	2	-		

There were two Tuberculosis Deaths which had not been previously notified, one being an infant certified as dying from Tuberculous Meningitio.



# PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

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Diphtheria	6	6	
Pneumonia	30		10
Erysipelas	4	3	***
Cerebro Spinal			
Meningitis	2	1	
Measles	1	2	
Whooping Cough	2	<b>944</b>	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	- -	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	1

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Diphtheria								5	1			
P umonia	2	1		3		3	2	1	5	2	10	1
Erysipeļas					- 13				2	1	1	
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis						1			1			
Measles									1			
Ophthalmia Meonatorum	1											
Puerperal Pyrexia									1			
Whooping Cough	1			1								

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	Ne	ew Cases	5			Deaths			
Age Groups	Pulr	monary	Non-P	ulmonary	Pulm	onary	Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under one							1		
1 to 5			1				1		
5 to 15		1		1					
15 to 25	1	4			2	1			
25 to 35	2	1							
35 to 45				1	1	1,			
45 to 55	3			1	1				
55 to 65									
65 and upwards						1			
TOTALS	6	6	1	3	4	3	2	644	

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